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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
New Castle County, Del., Jan. 7, 1904
Upon the application of Panny Williams
Executrix of Jonathan K. Williams, late of st,
Georges Hundred. In said county, deceased,
Wills that the Executrix aforesaid give
notice of granting of Letters Testamentary
upon the estate of the deceased, with the date
of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be to sted within forty days from the
date of . uch 'etter's in six of the most public
place of the C unity of New Castle, requiring
all persons having demands against the estate
Assembly in such case made and rovided;
and also cause the same to be inserted within
the same period in This Middletown
Del., and to be continued therein two monts

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

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New Castle County, bel., November 20th, 19 3.

Upon the application of Hannah R. Jones and Janes R. Hoflecker, Executors of Marcelius Jones, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is within the said county, deceased, it is within the faceutors aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causting advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of granting thereof, by causting advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County and the same of the days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County and the same of a such provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript, and to be continued therein two months are also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript, and to be continued therein two months of the same period in the Middletown, Ital, and to be continued therein two months of the same period in the Middletown, Ital, and to be continued therein two months of the same period in the Middletown, Ital, and to be continued therein two months of the same period in the Middletown, Ital, and to be continued therein two months.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary weet in cue form of law granted unto the undersigned on the twentleth day of November, A. D. 1905, and the twentleth sons having claims again the state of the d-ceased must preduce on or before the twen-to the said sections on or before the twen-tieth day. Ovember 194, or shide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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For complete details and further infornation, apply to Ticket Agents; H. Hasson, Jr., Pa-senger Agent Baltimore District, Baltimore and Calvert Streets, Baltimore, Md.; B. M. Newbold, Pas senger Agent Southeastern District, Fifteenth and G. Streets, Washington, D. C., or George W. Boyd, General Passen ger Agent, Broad Street Station, Phila-

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## JAPAN DISABLES

Washington, February 6th, 1904. PRELIMINARY skirmishes in the Presidential campaign thus far have been decided satisfactory. Little is now heard of "Hanna booms," and all discontent in Republican ranks is expected to disappear after the delegates to Chicago are chosen. The President has expressed the wish that good men who are not office-holders may be sent, and there ar

plenty of such. The troubles of the those of the Republicans, that attention s now largely concentrated upon that party. The very existence of its principles, says Burke Cockran, depend upon its success in the pending campaign 'The cheek and check-book' campaign of Mr. Hearst is noticeable but it is not likely to cause the White House to be painted vellow for a generation to come. in trying to land a senator of his own choice, may yet relegate him to his sylvan retreat at Laurel. Md., so far as Presidential aspirations are concerned.

General Grosvenor, of Ohio, says President Roosevelt has put a star in the (ouilt at Cramp's) and a smaller vessel crown of his administration brighter than any American President has worn

for the past thirty years. Senator Fair-banks is on the slate for Vice President,

and if the plan matures it will go far to-

vards solving the problem in Indiana.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Senator Fairbanks, made a long speec on the 2d inst., vindicating the President's action in the Panama affair. He naintained that the form of governmen nstituted in Panama after the revolution vas of no consequence; the essence wa did it represent the wishes of the whole eople. He would accept the President's nd Secretary Hay's word that the United States in no way abetted or aided the revolution, which was in the air, as result of Colombia's long tyranny. The President had large discretion to do what he thought best, and he acted from hi point of view.

Senator Foraker (Ohio) has introduced bill to so amend the Interstate Com merce and Anti-Trust acts, as to permit ontracts or combinations in restraint o trade, if the restraint is reasonable. This yould leave the courts to say what is reasonable restraint. The Senator con ends that to prohibit contracts in res raint of trade which are reasonable difers from the common law rule which has obtained for centuries in England. It is considered improbale that this bil will pass.

One of the jobs before Congress is the ill to purchase the sequoia groves in California. At the last session the pric sked was \$150,000. At this session it has grown to \$250,000. Congressman Wiley of N. Y., propeses to impose on the Treasury the Bank of England rule that paper currency once redeemed is never to be reissued. By a vote of 39 to 20, the Senate has agreed to allow the resident to use his own judgment as to what information might be given that body when asked for. The case of Sena tor Smoot, on trial for Mormonism comes up this week. He has no intention of fresigning. The Interstate Com nerce Committee is hearing argument on the Quarles bill which proposes to give the Commission power to check ex erbitant railroad rates. The House has voted the sum of \$170,00 as pay to clerks for extra services during the war with Spain. Senator Foraker has introduced bill to purchase ten acres of land on Meridian Hill, Washington, for \$750,000 n which to build a new and magnif White House.

The Supreme Court is taking a three weeks vacation to give the Justices time o write decisions on cases argued, inluding that of the Northern Securities Company, and it has given leave to Georgia to file a bill against Tennesse on account of "the Ducktown nuisance. It has decided that North Carolina must pay North Dakota the sum of \$27,400 for nds of the N. C. Railway Company, held by the prosecuting state, or the marshal of the court will sell at public auction all the interest of N. C., in 100 shares of the capital stock of the road The Attorney General of the Philippine Court the right of trial by jury in those islands, also whether a person shall be twice placed in jeopardy of punishment or the same offen

Secretary Wilson thinks the farmer is ot getting enough for his beef, or the consumer is paying too much. He believes the retailer abserbs most of the difference. Secretary Shaw has issued a circular in which he says citizens of the U. S. returning from the old world, may fetch home free of duty personal effects not exceeding \$100 in value; but they must not do this too often. Ex. Gover nor Francis, who is running the St. Louis Fair, is in town, asking Congres for a loan of \$4,500,000 to be secured by a lien on the gate receipts. Why? Because as usual "the original estimates were too low." Congressman Littlefield of Maine will retire and practice law in Boston. He is disappointed at the failure of his attempts to secure legislation for the people. Senator Morgan anounces that he has made his last speech on the Panama treaty. Senator Dietrick is back from Nebraska and wants to be nvestigated by the Senate. His request has been granted. Chief Joseph, of the ez Perces tribe of Indians, is doing the

fifty Republican editors arrived in Washngton from New York, the guests of enator Depew who brought them over in Pullman cars. At a meeting on their arrival they were addressed by ex-Goveror Black, and Senators Platt and Depew. The same evening they attended a White House reception given to members of Congress. Westerday afternoon Walker, Hilton Head, S. C., in Novemanteed before the President received them, and in the ber, 1861. The rents in the ensign have Lee expects to return to Delaware early evening Senator and Mrs. Depew gave been patched but it is still stained with in the spring and reception.

smoke and powder.

## RUSSIAN SHIPS

Three of the Czar's Warships are Hopelessly Crippled

#### JAPANESE LANDED TROOPS

London, Feb. 9.-Japan at the very tset of the war has struck her enem a blow the importance of which possibly annot be overated apparently deciding in the formers interest, the balance of

The Tzarevitch which, with its com lies hopelessly crippled on mud flats at enator Gorman's troubles in Maryland, the Russian fleet and was regarded by many as proof against torpedo attack.

But over and above this decisive stroke at Port Arthur it is stated from two or

at Chemulpo.

A number of foreign vessels lay at anchor including the Variag and Tor-pedo gunboat Korietz. Apparently they did not expect an attack for when the Japanese commander summoned them to haul down the flags they were much surprised and in view to the overwhelming strength of the Japanese they had no alternative but to comply which they

did without firing a shot. A Tientsin despatch says the Japane have landed thousands of troops in Corea without opposition. It is stated they put 8000 ashore at Chemulpo Sunday in the presence of two Russian warships which it is reported, surrendered to the Japanese naval commander of the squadron ccompanying them. These marched forthwith to Seoul. All the Corea also received contingents of in-

#### HEPTASOPHS IN SESSION

The annual convocation of the Grand Conclave of Delaware, Heptasophs or Seven Wise Men, opened Tuesday morn ing at 9 o'clock in the Smith building, at No. 610½ Market street, Wilmington. Delegates were present from every conclave in the state, and from Chester County Pa., which is included in this jurisdiction This is the first convocation which has been held under the ritual which was adopted at the last session of the National Convocation which was held in Wilmington during the summer.

the following telegram was sent to the Grand Conclave of Maryland which was meeting in Baltimore: "The R. W Grand Conclave of Delaware extends to you our brotherly sympathy in the great loss to your city.'

The afternoon session was taken up in the election of officers and their installation. The result of the election follows: M. E. Grand Archon, Harry Carson of Delaware Conclave, No. 7; grand provost, John Wideman, Newark, No. 6; grand scribe, William Winthrup, Brandywine, No. 4; grand treasurer, George H. Rue, Brandywine, No. 4; grand prelate, W. E. Wooters, Peerless, No. 10; inspector general, J. B. Maxwell, James Young, No. 9; grand herald, L. D. Kemp, Alpha, No. 1, Chester, Pa.; grand warden, J. R. Alloway, William McKinley, No. 12; grand sentinel, E. R. Farrs, Friendship, No. 1: grand instructor, Joseph Turner, Friendship, No. 1; grand trustee, Charles E. , Brandywine, No. 4, Thomas Dever Peerless, No. 10, and W. A. Vandegrift Delaware, No. 7; committee on appeal. E. M. Cain, Friendship. No. 1, James Watson, James Young, No. 9, and J. P.

Griffith of Brandy wine No. 4. The installation work was performed by Supreme Provost Obershine, in the absence of Supreme Chancellor Adrian Hughes of Baltimore, who was detained at home by the burning of his office in the big fire. About 6 P. M. the delegates left for their homes.

### STATE COUNCIL TO MEET

The State Council of Delaware of the Jr. O. U. A. M. will meet in annual convention in Dover, on February, 16th. Over 150 delegates from all over State will be in attendance and their headquarters will be at the Hotel Richardson. State Councillor, J. A. Ellegood will preside. Beside the routine busin the annual election of officers will be held. A. M. Thomas, of Canterbury will be elected State Councillor. The State Funeral Association of the sam order of which Mayor Charles D. Bird of Dover the evening previous to the Convention of the State Council.

### Personally-Conducted Tours to Washington D. C. and return via Baltimore and

A serious of three-day personally-con ducted tours to Washington, D. C., will be run on the following dates: February 4, and 18, March 3, and 23, April 7, and 21 and May 5. \$9 for

the round-trip including hotel and other expenses. Train leaves Chester at 3,24 P. M., Wilmington 3.40 P. M. As these tour parties are limited to the available hotel accommodations and as reservations are made when tickets are purchased. Those intending to become members should register at once. For booklet and full information call on

An Old Warship Flag

mington, Del.

A battle scarred flag is owned by Mrs. Taylor W. McKenney, of Elkton, which papers in spite of the Chinese exclusion was first thrown to the breeze by then act, has gone to New York for the reon the U. S. Steamship Wabash, at Fort ing offer at a instructor of Chinese stud-

#### A LIFE OF TRUST AT LAST

With all the churches in a trust

Man's life will be complete,

There'll be no corner he may turn
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The cradle trust when he is born
Receives him in its arms;

Through boyhood's happy days he goes
With trusts to make him glad—
Firecracker trust, toy pistol trust—
These make his father mad.
At Christmas time the stocking trust
Provides the hose he swings
Upon the Christmas tree to get
The trust made Christmas things.

oung manhood finds him putting tru

In some sweet, coy young thing— it also finds him putting on Her hand a trust-made ring. full soon he shakes her trust in him, His good resolves he slips; okes the trust cigar again And takes the trust-brewed nips

And so it goes-with wool trust clother And hat-trust hats as well; The pants trust walks with him through life;

lie;
The church trust rings its bell;
The germ trust keeps him full of dread,
The ice trust tries his soul;
The health food trust each dewy morn Fills up his breakfast bowl.

The coal trust crimps his bank acco And if he builds a home
The building trust in happiness
Across his form will roam.

#### FIVE PRISONERS LACKED

In punishment for crimes they h tted five negroes were lashed by Warden Meserve at the New Castle ounty workhouse Saturday morning. If other things were against them, they ertainly could find nothing to complain about in the weather. It was like spring day. The warm sunshine flooded the quadrangle and caused the snow piled up on one side to melt. Coming from the warm tunnel as they did. shiver passed over each of the prisoner as he was brought into the open. Their backs were bared ready for the punish ment. Whether the sight of the whip ping post or the air caused that shive ould be answered only by the culprits Harvey Anderson, who was committee for stealing a cape, was the first man whipped. He received ten lashes. Except for a twitching of the muscles he howed no sign of the pain he endured. Edward Winder, sentenced for steal ng an overcoat, received the first few of fiteen lashes impassively, but after the sixth he began to writhe and squirm ore with each blow of the cat. At the thirteenth stroke he dragged his arms

Fred Winter received his punishmen groan escaped him once however.

fastened in again before the remaining

William Gordy asked the Warden strike him high as he had a sore back. Aside from prancing about the whipping

oost he took his ten lashes easily. Corbett Lee, the wife beater, furnish the only sensation at the whippings. He was the last man to be punished. he was led into the quadrangle he eyed the post with a frightend stare. At the third stroke of the whip he began whin ing. Each blow brought forth a cry of pain and a prayer. At one time he said: "Oh Lord, this is awful." When the lashes had all been applied he stood

trembling at the post, muttering. Harry Brown, alias "Red Bull," Sam nel Bird and William Smith will receive their punishment to-day.

### DROWNED IN RIVER

young men of Seaford are supposed to be drowned in the Naticoke River near parties, dances, beaux, and so forth, week in a batteau for Typquin Creek to tion. These girls are dead sure they will bny oysters, carrying with them a lot of be married. Most probably they will. he oystermen. They promised to write their wives but no word has been received from either. A batteau answering the description of theirs has been seen which they carried with them have been ens the theory that they are drowned. A searching party started down the river it being full of ice they abandoned the ents and families of the men.

### Mother and Child Burned

Mrs. Frank Allen of Laurel left he wo year old baby at play on the floor while attending her household duties. Leaving the room for an instant she was Wilmington, is president, will meet at from the child. On reaching the room she found the little one enveloped in flames. The baby was fatally burned while Mrs. Allen will probably be maimed for life from the injuries she received while trying to save her child.

### Reduced Rates to Atlanta

On account of the meeting of the Department of Superintendence, National Educational Association, to be held at Atlanta, Ga., February 23d to 25th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell ound-trip tickets to Atlanta, February 20th to 22d, inclusive, good to return to reach original starting point not later than February 27th, from all stations on its lines, at reduced rates. For full information apply to ticket agents.

#### ticket agents or write to H. A Miller T. P. A., Water and Market streets, Wil Dr. Yan Phou Lee. Delaware's Chinere farmer and Yale graduate who has

purchased extensive forming interests in through Congress to obtain naturalization mainder of the winter to accept a temptents about to enter the universities. Dr.

### THE AVERAGE SALESWOMAN

Five Years is Estimated as the Length Time Most of Them Serve "What become of the saleswomen who

grow old in the service?" asked a Star reporter of the manager of one of Washngton's best-known department stores "Girls stay with a great many of the

stores for a long time," was the response "They can stay as long as they wish to and the longer they stay the better th girl's value that is, if she is consciention and really wishes to be of service. There s no objection to middle-aged sales vomen. It is all nonsense to imagine youth is past she is of no more value to a 000,000 to \$150,000,000. store. Many girls work hard and become heads of departments; but even if they should not be able to do so, they are kept and are welcome to their posi ions as long as they wish to have them The average length of time that a girl tays with a firm is five years. Of course me stay four times and five times as ong as that, but I am talking of the average girl. At least 25 per cent. of the girls get married. Are they ambitious? Yes, a good many of them are, but we know very little about that, as they do not tell us about their studies. Those who wish to go at something else generally go to business colleges at night nd then, when they have completed the course, leave the firm to go into some thing else. No, we do not discourag them when they wish to go to something etter; in fact, we are very glad to see hem make the most of themselves.'

"Girls, as a general rule," declare nother manager, "are content with their positions and are not very anxious to go into anything else. The work in a store where the firm treats its employes' well is not very hard, and salary is usually good. So they just stay on until some man comes along and they get a lifetime position. The average length of time a girl stays? Well three or four years I should say. Sometimes it is eve and ever so much longer than that.

"A girl is sure of one thing if she saleswoman-that as long as she is concientious and does her best she will keep her position and get better wages each year. Every merchant prefers to have employes stay with him as long as possi ble. The girl that drifts from store to store does so with very little benefit to herself. But girls are really very con tented, and most of them are seen behind the counters of the same store for a long time. They have the same sort o idea that school teachers have—the salary is good and they like the work. Do merchants employ young and good look-ing girls in preference to older women? Most emphatically they do not. It may be so in some of the stores but most mer chants judge a girl by her ability to sell goods, and not by her good looks. Of pleasant, but the older women are someimes preferred. A woman of 30 or 35 who applied for a position would get it as quickly, all things being equal, or more quickly than a young woman. It is simply the ability to dispose of goods that counts. No, a saleswoman need not vorry that she will be turned down after

she grows older, as long as she tries to be

benefit to the store. She is always as-

sured of a good position and grows each year more in the confidence of her emvell-know merchant "is that they look upon marriage as a certainty, and therefore do not try to improve themselves.

I have some very bright girls in my store, who, if they would, might make them-DROWNED IN RIVER common saleswomen so far as we are conand their work is but a minor considera it is a pity they do not look on their work as men do theirs, as something that will have to be done through life. Men look on their work as a career, but rarely does a woman feel that way. If she doe she gets her reward and becomes head

#### of her department and there is no posi tion she may not aspire to."--Ex. \* FLORIDA

The second Pennsylvania Railroad tour the season to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington by special train on February

Excursion tickets, including railway ansportation, Pullman accommo (on berth,) and meals en route in both train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Trenton, \$49.00; Phila lelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Vashington, \$48.00; Pittsburg, \$53.00; and at proportionate rates from other

For tickets, itineraries, and other in formation, apply to ticket agents, or to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

### Dollar Wheat

Dollar wheat was an actuality last week and the fondest hope of the farmers has an army of wreckers. These proceeded been realized. The magic mark was loads of winter wheat sold in the sample half a mile wide, is to be completely room of the Chicago Board of Trade for 100 cents a bushel, the highest price that left standing, everything is to be pulled has been paid for the grain since the Leiter deal of 1898.

The interest of Dover was diverted from the Baltimore fire by a fire in the mated. It is placed at \$125,000,000, with

## Business and Financial Sec-

tion Completely Wiped Out

#### LOSS OVER \$100,000,000 Baltimore is in ruins. The very heart of the city has been eaten out by the

flames which raged furiously for 30 hours, for a moment that after a girl's first entailing a loss estimated at from \$100, This, Baltimore's greatest fire broke out shortly before 11 o'clock Sunday norning in the wholesale dry goods store of John E. Hurst & Co., on Hopkins place, in the heart of the business district, with a series of loud explosions which were heard in remote parts of the

city, and spread with fearful rapidity. It Monday evening, consuming thousands of buildings, the very cream of the bu ness district. The section destroyed is ounded by Howard Street on the west. the water front on the south, President Street on the east, and Lexington Stree

on the north. Among the buildings destoyed th most conspicuous ones were: The American building, the Sun building, Evening News. The Herald. Continental Trust Mechanics Bank, Chamber of Commerce Baltimore Stock Exchange, the Hub, Carrollton Hotel, Merchants Bank building, Maryland Institute, Mullin's Hotel. Adams Express National Bank Commerce. The city is now under martial law and for ten days the soldiers fully armed will patrol the streets. Governor Warfield on Monday issued a proclamation declaring February 8 to 15 legal holidays. This action was taken to aid the banks and

To realize the scope of the fire on must realize the greatness of the section of Baltimore in which the flames did most havoc. The entire district between Howard and Gay and Fayette and Prati streets is in ruins. This section was the manufacturing centre of the city. Thous ands were employed in factories, canner es and other industries within th boundary lines of the streets above named. Had the fire succeeded in cross ing Jones Fall, reaching the lumber yards which abound on the east side of that stream, the loss though great as it is

would have been appallings. Starting at Liberty and Lombard street on Sunday afternoon, the great Hurst building was the first structure to fall prey to the flames. Reaching out to the north, south and east, the fire quickly made its way. One after another the grea owering structures began to belch forth The fire department worked and falling walls, it was impossible to get near the fire to do any good, in an increditable short space of time entire squares were crackling and sending milions of sparks skyward. Such alarming proportions did the fire become that i was decided to dynamite structures standing in the path of the volumes of flame n order to retard its progress. The fire fighters were ordered back and the wrecking of buildings began. Walls collapsed and buildings trembled as though

### Whole City Seemed Doomed

The grandeur of the scene on Sunday night was appalling. It seemed as souls looked on in horror. From the seething cauldron arose myriads of sparks which floated high above the flames, disgoldon canopy, from which a rain of fire fell upon the horrified and almost stricken

It was indeed a fiery gulf which greevery minute. Yesterday afternoon the the firemen could not relay their vigilance as there are hundreds of hot beds of ruins to guard.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9th. —Mayor McLane of Baltimore, declares that a new city will arise from the ashes of the old. In this he voices the sentiments of the ritizens of this fire-swept municipality "Baltimore will now enter undaunte nto the task of ressurrection," said the mayor to-day. "A greater and more beautiful city will arise from the ruins and we shall make this calamity a feature blessing. We are staggered by the terriand every energy of the city as a municipality and its citizens as private individnale will be devoted to a rehabilitation that will not only prove the stuff we are made of, but be a monument to the

American spirit," As if in proof of the mayor's brave words, the roar of dynamite and the rumbling of falling walls echoed through the streets instead of the crackling of flame Shad, 87,050,000; white perch, 116,930,and the puffling of engines. The great fire was out except for trifling blazes trout, 75,000; brook trout, 2,500,000; rainbow trout, 75,000; brook trout, 2,500,000; among the ruins here and there. Most of the firemen had quit after two days of strenous battle and in their steps came to level what the flames had left.

For the great fire belt, a mile long and to earth. And when all the wreckage rise on the ashed of the seventy or more

fireswept blocks. The total lose has been officially esti-

It got red-hot and inited the woodwork. It was extingnished by S. Harry Boyer, a clerk, whose hands were badly burned. The damage was slight.

While admitting that the loss was the Valley, Pa., were presented site has the appropriate to the part of the propriate to the part of the propriate to the contract of the part of the propriate to the part of th

PRICE, THREE CENTS grave, half-dazed expression upon the faces of most men. J. H. McClellan, the special agent appointed by the Raltimore Underwriters, said that the insurance

about 70 per cent. of the property loss. The buildings, or what is left of them in the northwest corner of the devastated district, received the first attention of the wreckers. This is around the new Court House, which stood out against all attack with its smooth, white walls.

Senator Allee will endeavor to secure an appropriation for a Government build-

P. F. Murphy has been elected presient of the Reliance Fire Company, of Wilmington.

The Wilmington Street and Sewer Diectors will enforce the ordinace requiring streets to be cleaned of snow.

vard, Wilmington, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Coroner Frederick Walls, overseer of the Sus ux County Almshouse, is a candidate

for the Union Republican nomination for Sheriff in that county. Edward Earner, of the Weccacoe Com

adder and was painfully injured! To stop the toothache, Annie Williams colored girl, living on Orange street. Wilmington, took laudanum, but the

So successfull have been the members the congregation of St. Thomas Church, Wilmington, in erecting their handsome edifice that they now propose secure a parochial reside

The new basket factory at Chesapeake

Protestant Episcopal Church, at Camridge, has tendered his resignarion.

Game wardens in several counties on the Eastern Shore report that quail and

upsetting in a deep side-ditch along the

Point, on Elk River. The cost of building Tome Institute and beautifying the grounds thus far is estimated at \$300,000. The endowment

Band of Mercy, with Miss Grace Hohn

The report of Isaac Hecht, City Treas-

when the ice breaks up. Several Carroll County public schools

have been closed owing to diphtheria. February term of Carroll County Circuit Court, begun Monday, has 77 trials. 6 appeals and 19 originals on the docket. Rev. D. J. Wolfe, pastor of the Glade Reformed Church, Walkersville, has ac-

Representative Collins' bill providing

Talbot County Commissioners asking for bridge over Roll's Creek, near Michael's.

number of fry hatched and distributed during 1902 and 1903 was as follows: black bass, 3,000. A bill to amend the law in regard to pensions for teachers who have served for 25 years by absolishing the age limit of 60 years was introduced by

reason of infirmity to teach.

from the Baltimore fire by a fire in the business block of A. Friedman, at the corner of Loockerman and Bradford streets. A clerk at work in the garret had made a fire in a thin sheet-iron stove. It got red-hot and inited the woodwork. It was extinguished by S. Harry Boyer, a clerk, whose hands were badly and being considered by the House Commits to the companies representatives at the greatest ever endured by insurance companies, the agents appeared smiling and the street of the street

# companies would be called upon to pay

### **DELAWARE NOTES**

ng at Lewes.

William McCarron, of the Seventh

pany, while working at a fire in Wil-mington on Saturday night, fell from a

ose was so large that she narrowly escaped dying.

#### MARYLAND NOTES

City is about ready to commence opera-

Petitions, largely signed, will be presented to the Legislature, asking for the passage of a prohibitory law for Salis-

pheasants have suffered little from the severe cold weather. William Holton, Jr., of Iron Hill, had

The Philadelphia & Baltimore Steamboat Company will shortly add an exten-sion of 100 feet to its large pier at Town

Institute, Port Deposit, have formed a society to be known as the Jacob Tome

urer of Have de Grace, shows that there was a cash balance of \$2045.93 in the Treasury at the beginning of this month. The all-day rally services at North East M. E. Church were largely attended Sun-

day and nearly enough money was raised to liquidate the debt against the new Major William A. Wright, of Elkton, Pearce, of the United States army, on his tour of inspection of Maryland National Guards of his visit this week to Salisbury, Cambridge, Easton, Centre-

ville. Westminister, Hagerstown, Cumberland and Rockville. Serious damage is feared at Tolchester

for a whipping-post in Talbot County Jail has been approved by the Judiciary Committee of House of Delegates. Petitions signed by nearly every resi-

Tavevtown.

According to report of the Commissioners of Fisheries for Maryland for the past year, it states more fish are shipped annually out of Maryland than were caught altogether 25 years ago, and that there were 17,000 persons engaged in fishing in Maryland during 1903. The

Thomas on Wednesday. It is his object to eliminate the age limit so as to pension all teachers of good record who have taught 25 years and are no longer able by

It is likely that the Maryland National Guard will attend the National encamp-ment next summer, when 40,000 troops will pitch tents for 12 or 15 days. The

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The expected has happened and Russia and Japan have ap pealed to the arbitration of war. Tired out and patience exhausted by the interchange of demands, replies, counter-demands, etc. Japan recalled her minister and opened hostilities. The pro-Russians take issue with Japan for fighting a naval battle before making a declaration of war, and some of the French newspapers compare it with the destruction of the Maine. But neutrals believe that she was well within her rights.

The first battle, as was expectsulted in a sweeping victory for of an earlier period. the Japanese. The result has been that the Russians are sur- that "fireproof" buildings are prised and staggered, while their not fireproof; but instead that opponents are correspondingly every building is a compromise elated. A second such victory will leave Japan mistress of the and is always, if made for mod-Eastern Seas and free to land her ern use, not absolutely, but relatroops. On the land Russia claims | tively fireproof. When a Roman a great advantage, but she claimed an equality on the seas. Should | walls, faced with stone, turned the claims for her army result its floors of low tile and cement as has her naval claims the war arches and covered his solid promises to be short, sharp and doors and shutters with bronze decisive and the Bear will be plates, he had built an absolute suing for peace. While the Czar fireproof building. has an enormors army it is thousands of miles away from the line orable conditions, no more than ved. The Mikado, on the other stroyed, can land almost his entire army in Manchuria within a few hours or days.

Another factor that will largedrilled, and the people are ener the territory which they beof at the close of the Chinese war. The Russians, on the other hand, are dull, stupid and sluggish. While their cavalry is excellent and their army well drill ed, the individual is ignorant, and he cares little for the cause He is taught to obey orders and will fight to the death for the Czar. The Russian people are being kept in ignorance as to the actual happenings, and must be in order to keep the Revolutionists, Anarchists, socialists and other "ists" in subjection. Whatever the outcome, the war will be costly to both sides and might have been averted, had Russia been willing to concede anything.

### THE BALTIMORE FIRE

Baltimore has passed through the fiery furnace. For more than thirty hours, the flames which started at about eleven o'clock Sunday morning in the wholesale district, were absolutely beyond control, and for nearly twenty-four hours after they had been conquered, the fire still burned. Almost the entire business portion of the city was destroyed. The loss is probably in the neighborhood of one hundred millions of dollars, a sum so vast that it is hard to comprehend what it means. About three fourths of this loss falls upon the insurance companies and the latest advices are that no company will fail. This speaks volumes for the stability of these companies. Every previous fire of great magnitude has resulted in the failure of many companies.

While the loss at first numbed and staggered the business men of Baltimore, they have recovered their nerve and now begin to look on the brighter side. The burnt section is the old part of the city, and was miserably laid out. Narrow, crooked streets with small foot way abounded. The promise is made that these will be improved, widened and straightened. The buildings that are to be erected will be modern, and more beautiful than the destroyed ones.

about the only thing needed, as no part of the residence sections were burnt and there is no suffering for food or shelter. If the appeal is made, the response will undoubtedly be liberal.

#### "FIRE PROOF" CONSTRUCTION

The Chicago fire tested and found structed of stone and brick walls, with struction with which all our cities were early full and at first wholly built of. The Boston fires of 1872 and 1889 tested and again found wanting the more solid edifices of a later generation built of stone and brick walls, iron floor, beams and pillars and mansard roofs, often of timber, and always possessing much timber, even when the framing was iron.

The Raltimore fire has again tested and found inadequate the sort on Tuesday. the construction of the past decade and of to-day in which steel has taken the place of iron, and in the two or three "skyscrapers" gutted, rather than destroyed, a steel truss is substituted for the ed was fought on the sea and re- old wall, beam brick arch flooring

The lesson of all this is not in construction, fittings and site, architect built an edifice of brick

No modern man could or would live in such a building. He inof battle and under the most fav- sists on and in most buildings has a wooden floor and wooden 30.000 troops can be placed in treads covering the cement, on Manchuria per month. And a wooden doors and window caslarge majority of his army can- ings, on a host of partitions with not be spared to go there, if the base boards and other wooden transportation problem were sol- fillings, on furniture, also wood, and on floor coverings, like linhand, with the Russian fleet de- oleum, soft to the foot and easily cleaned, but inflammable.

Collectively, in a great building, in a store or in any business block, these make the materials ly enter in the final result is the of a fire. They turn the "firespirit of the two peoples. The proof" shell into a vast stove, Japanese are bright intelligent liable at any moment to be lit and active, their army is well from without. If the structure is, like the "skyscraper," simply thusiastic in the desire to recov- a vast basket-like truss, set on end, carrying the very weight of lieve the Russians cheated them the stone walls which seem to support it, and only inclose and decorate it, then when this inflammable material burns like the wood in a stove, the structure itself will be left stripped but standing, as are those shown in our panorama of Baltimore.

> constructed of stone and brick porting pillars, the heat of a fire instantly crumbles, destroys and lays low. The experiments made in Berlin in 1893, in 1896 by a group of socities in New York in terested in fire prevention, and in 1899 by the British Fire Prevention Committee, all united in showing the amazing rapidity with which iron and steel pillars nd beams bend and b brought to a red heat by a very moderate fire. Any office building of the usual construction in use up to the "skyscraper" per iod has, even if "fireproof," enough inflammable material in it. if its contents once take fire. to twist its beams, warp its pillars and bring it down a helpless mass, of blazing doors, windows partitions, floors, fittings and

furniture. If the modern "business sec tion" were, however, built of even these two classes alone, its risk would be small and our fire loss would not be \$160,000,000 a year, or four times the loss now driving us aghast. A block in a 'business section" has many mere timber, lath and pine-floored buildings of from twenty-five to sixty years old which are mere tinder and bonfires. When a great fire begins as these burn they apply a fire which brings down the larger and better buildings, if of iron, beams and pillar

construction, or gut with fire the wood fillings of a "skyscraper." What we Americans have really done is to build relatively fireproof buildings full of wooden conveniencies, from a chair to a the other buildings which can burn, and this is enough to cause colleges in almost any buildings. collapse in almost any building the destroyed ones.

The numerous messages of sympathy and offers of assistance prove that the world is growing and fire insurance competition.

#### SASSAFRAS

Mr. Harry Simmons is suffering with Mrs. Frederick Robertson visited Sassa

fras on Tuesday. Miss Bessie Merritt,

fras on Friday. Mr. A. Wilson Cochran has been quite

sick for the past week. Mr. Louis P. Atwell was the guest

Mrs. Sheppard Morris on Tuesday. Mr. Bayard Jones, of Wilmington, visited his home here from Saturday unti

Monday. Skating was resumed here to-day and ts fine since the recent return of freezing

weather. uests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith on

Monday. Miss Bessie Gunkel, of Warwick, vis ted her sister, Mrs. John F. Ernest on

Wednesday. Messers. Thomas Massey and Samue Price were guests of Mr. Frederick Gres-

Mr. and Mrs. Phemies Jones are enter taining their daughter and Miss Minnie Smith, of Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Atwell and son

were the guests of her brother, Mr. Robert Johnston, near town. Mr. Robert S. Griffith was entertaine on Saturday by his son, Mr. and Mrs.

Harry Griffith at a family dining, near Mr. and Mrs. John R. H. Price, of near Warwick, were the guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernest on Thurs-

Mr. Robert S. Griffith and friend of Pittsburg, Pa., are being entertained by his sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Staats

Mrs. Rachel Stradley who has been on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Mur-ray, of Philadelphia, returned home on

Mr. Robert S. Griffith was entertained at a family dinner on Sunday by his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Staats near town.

Mrs. Robert S. Griffith visited her sister, Mrs. Agnes McCall, of Chester, Pa. several days last week, who is lying criti cally ill with pneumonia The business of Mr. John F. Ernes

our popular merchant here has increased so much in the past year, he contemplate building an annex to his store. Messers. Samuel Price, Frederick Gres

sort, Thomas Massey and Senard Gillis pie were the guests of Mr. John Dorsey near Warwick on Friday last.

Mrs. John F. Ernest, Mrs. Frank Bablett and Mr. Robert S. Griffith attended the funeral of Mr. Stephen Boyer on Tuesday and rendered some sweet sing ing during the services. Mr. Johnston had his horse stolen from

nim on Saturday evening. He was at Dr. Scott's at Galena and some party unhitched the horse and took it, but fortu-nately Mr. Johnston found it below Galena on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. William Lucas, former of Sassafras, but now reside at Mt. Pleas-

ant, had a son who died at Philadelphia Hospital on last Wednesday. It is very ad, about this time last year he lost ar other son. Mr. Lucas is a brother of Mrs. John Clothier of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Robertson et

ertained at a leap year social on Wednes the M. E. Church and quite a neat sum was realized. There were over one hun-But with the older buildings, dred invited out to the elaborate supper and every thing served that constitu walls, with floor beams and sup- an elegant collation. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson were untiring in their attention to make the evening's entertainment a success, and it was one of the most elegant functions served this winter, both finan-

#### CHESAPEAKE CITY Mr. John Banks visited Philadelphia

Miss Elsie Karsner spent Wednesday in Elkton. Mrs. W. G. Ray is visiting Mrs.

Miss Mary Boulden spent Saturday in

Mrs. T. N. Lo

Miss Evelyn Kible

ng Miss Kay Price.

Dr. Harry Cleaver, of Wilmington w

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rees t dinner on Saturday.

Mr. Frank Conrey, of Philadelphia was in town last Wednesday. Mr. John Piser, of near Warwick, v

ited relatives in town last week.

Mr. G. Oldham Massey, of Philadel phia, was in town on Wednesday.

Miss Evelyn Kibler, of Town Point

visited Miss Florence Egee last week. Miss Lucy Reed has returned from leasant visit with Marietta relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Benson and daugh ter, Helen, visited Wilmington last week Rev. S. M. Perry visited New Castle last week attending the trial of Rev. Mr.

Mrs. Noble T. Biddle, of Los Angeles Cal., is visiting her niece, Mrs. G. S Miss Katherine Ferguson is spendi

everal days with Miss Mary Howard, Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and Miss So

Thomas Hopper, of the U. of P. has been spending a few days with his par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hopper. Mrs. Cecil Biddle, of near Newark was buried at Bethel on Thursday. Mrs. John Young of this town.

prove that the world is growing every day in the spirit of brotherly love. Nearly every section of the world is represented in these words of hope and cheer. Even far off Australia was quick to cable her sympathy. No public appeal has yet been issued but it is expected that contributions will be asked. Money is Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Newbald Price enpresents which would weed out the older buildings was take no account of old fire traps, but let them stand, every business section is more less liable to a fire like that at Baltimore.

That city had more of these old buildings than New York, but not more than Philadelphia.—

The price of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Newbald Price enpresent were: Mr. and Mrs. Boyd McCay, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd McCay, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd McCay, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd McCay, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd McCay, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd McCay, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd McCay, Mr. and Mrs. Byron N. Bouchelle, Mrs. Bennett Steele. Misses Lillie Woolford, Annie Young, Agnes Vail, Julia Sadler, Mary Steele. and Dr. Delmar Smithers. The prize were won by Miss Woolford and Mr. H. V. Manlove. Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Newbald Price en

#### TOWNSEND

Mr. Thomas Maloney spent Tuesday at Mr. William Gill was in Middletown

Miss Margaret Weldon spent Saturday

Mr. J. E. Lattomus, of Clayton, spent Wednesday in town. Mr. Archibald Finley, of Philadelphia,

spent Sunday in town. Mr. Jacob Shallcross, of Dewey Park

was in town Tuesday. Mrs. D. P. Hutchison was a Wilming-

Mr. Edward Reynolds and spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Miss Myrtle Reed, of Clayton, spent unday with Miss May Hayman. Mr. Joseph Pritchard and wife are

visiting his father, Mr. I. P. Pritchard. Mrs. B. W. Hutchison is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Martimer Gibson in Kent Miss Mollie Lynam, of Middletown

spent Sunday with her father, Mr. David The teachers of the Townsend public

school attended the Teachers Local Institute Saturday. Paul Hodgson, infant son of Mr. Richard Hodgson, who has been sick is

Mrs. Emma Hewes and son, Nestor of Delaware City, visited Mrs. Richard

Hodgson this week. Mrs. Addie Denning, of Red Lion pent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. Thomas Maloney.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Phillips spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. John Butler, near St. Georges. Miss Katherine Ratledge and her guest,

Mrs. Leola Ratledge, of Greenwood, spent Saturday in Middletown. Miss Bertha Byron and Miss Amy McGuire, of Middletown, spent Thursday

with Miss Catherine Hutchison Mr. David S. Lyuam who has been farming on a farm near town owned by Mrs. Mary J. Daniels, sold his stock and

farming implements at a public sale on Tuesday. At the Annual Election of the Mutual Loan Association of Townsend, held Monday evening, February 8th, William H. Money, Daniel B. Maloney and Wil-

liam C. Money were elected. Mrs. Voshell who has been sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Knox near town, died early Monday morning. The funeral services were held at the house at 10 o'clock the interment was at

Odd Fellow's Cemetery, Smyrna. The Junior Epworth League of Town send, held a clipping party on Friday evening, February 5th. Those present were entertained with songs and recita-tions by members of the League. Ice cream, coffee and Sand Wiches were

The classes 5 and 14 of the M. E. Sun day School are preparing a Play for the Valentine Social which was mentioned in our letter last week, called the Snig gles Family. There will be other songs and recitations by members of the classe If the weather is unfavorable Saturday evening it will be held Monday evening February 15th. All are cordially invited.

### SUICIDE OR MURDER

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Sheriff Melvin of Dover, was notified by a relative of an unfortunate young girl that the reported suicidal death of Miss Estelle Allaband should be investigated. The young woman had been found dead in the garret of Albert W. Powell's house with her throat cut on Tuesday and Coroner Abbott of Kent County, held an inquest Wednesday and a verdict of suicide was rendered. Thursday morning State Detectives Ratledge and Francis arrived in Dover upon instructions of the Attorney General and accompanied Sheriff Melvin to the Powell home, which is on the Warren farm, a Suikey collivators, 1 Corn chileves, 1 Post hole digger, Double trees, Single trees, 7 Horse blankets, Grain bags, Peach ladder, Hog trough. ell home, which is on the Warren farm, two and a half miles west of Bowers' Beach. As soon as they saw the victim they pronounced it murder of the foulest and most horrible manner. The young and most horrible manner. The voune ing, was cut and hacked in a horrible manner, pieces of flesh even being cut

## right to left, both arms had from 25 to 35 cuts and stabs, undoubtedly received in

defending herself. There were three horrible cuts on top of her head and the face was bruised and mashed until she was unrecognizable.

A. W. Powell told the officers that when he left home Tuesday the girl was at the tub washing. He returned from Wyoming late in the afternoon, and as Estelle was not seen, he asked for her whereabouts. Mrs. Powell said she had not seen her since morning and did not where she was. After quite search he found the lifeless body in the

The officers have secured a great deal of evidence and will likely make an arrest to-day. The girl is the daughter of Theodore Allaband and a sister of Mrs. Alfred W. Williams. She has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Powell sinc

### PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned discontinuing farming will sell at Public Sale, at her residence near Warwick, Md., on

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old, unbroken.

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Matis Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a, m, 10.05 a,m., 3.50 p,m., 45 p, m. and 9 p, m. Going South—8.10 a,m., 4.35 p, m., and 9 p, m For Odessa—9.30 a, m., 11 40 a, m., 5.05 p, m. For Warwick, Cecition, Earlville and Sussa-

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Owing to a slight accident at the electric light plant Thursday evening the town was in darknets for a half hour. STABLE FOR RENT.-The large stable of the late Dr. I. S. Vallandigham. Posses sion given March 25th, 1904. Apply to

W. REESE PARKER. The \$1 mark was reached for wheat a Chicago on Wednesday, when carloads of winter wheat sold for 100 cents a bushel, the highest price paid since 1898.

FOR RENT.-The dwelling now occupied by John Dawson, corner Broad and Lake streets. Possession given March 25th, 1904. Apply to MARIE T. LOCKwood, Warwick, Md.

Unclaimed Letters.-The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 4th: Miss Rena Lockerman, (two) Felis Cuf fev. (two) John Jones.

FOR RENT.-The dwelling on East Main street, adjoining the M. E. Parson age. Possession given immediately or on March 25th. For further particulars THIS OFFICE.

apply at Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30

Miss Martha llogg fell into a doze while itting by a stove at the farm house on the family place near Glasgow, one night last week. Her clothing caught fire but her brother came quickly to her aid and put out the blaze.

Guy Brothers' Minstrels drew a large crowd at the Opera House Wednesday evening. During the many years thi company has been on the road it has always had a first-class show, but the pro gram this season surpasses all previous

At the meeting of the State Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., which meets in Dover on the 16th of this month, County Commis sioner M. N. Willits, will in all probability be elected Vice State Councillor Several of Mr. Willitts' brother member are hustling in his behalf and will make

"Farmers of Thoroughfare Neck, declare that they never saw the prospects for a wheat crop so poor as at present, and it is feared that there will be an unusualy short crop this year. It is claimed by old residents of Thoroughfare Neck that the soil is much more productive most experienced fruit growers are of the opinion that fruit buds are uninjured, and the prospects are unusually favorable for a good crop."—Smyrna Times.

The next entertainment in the Star Course will be given at the Middletown Opera House, February 23d by Ellwood, the Magician. Here is what Charles R. Towson, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Philadelphia says: "Ellwood certainly sustained the enthusiastic repuon you gave him as an entertainer. We have had some superior magicians ap-pear at various times, but I consider Ellwood the peer of them all. Many of his tricks were new and he is extremely clever, both as magician and artis. His entertainment pleased our people immen-

ribers very frequently complain when bills are sent them that they did not know they were in arrears and that they should have been notified sooner label on the paper which you receive weekly gives your name and address and the time up to which your subscription is paid. You have a better opportunity and with a weekly reminder there is no excuse for you not knowing how your account stands. Subscribes will please note this and if you are indebted to THE TRANSCRIPT don't wait for a bill to be To send out bills monthly would entail a vast amount of unnecessary clerical work and postage. Pay in advance and keep in advance. It is your interest as well as

hear the concert of The Ariel Quartette the third of the series of the Christian Endeavor Society Star Course Entertain ments. The Quartette was decidedly the best of the series and made such an excellent hit with their appreciative audience that every number on the program was encored. The most applause was given to Miss Kathleen Leavitt, the violinist, whose renditions were very Pleasant, interment was made in St. fine and artistic. Miss Mabel Monaghan, the first soprano, was also a popular favorite during the evening. Sh an unusually sweet voice with a clear range, which she reached with ease and grace. The Emotive Plastiques of Miss Mackenzie and the Japanese song by the quartette were features that provoked Mackenzie exhibited fine dramatic talent. She recited beautifully a passage from "Ben Hur" and her recitation entitled

The Leather Workers Union, a local organization composed of the employes of the J. C. Parker & Son Company, celebrated their first anniversary in Opera House on Monday evening by giving a banquet to a large number of invited guests. The affair was a great success, and the tempting menu was greatly enjoyed. The musical and literary pro-gram was as follows: Piano solo, Miss gram was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Lena Pleasanton; Reading, "Minnehaha," Miss Mamie Adkins; Solo, "I'm wearing dam; Reading, "The waife of a London Slum," Miss Katie Vansant; Piano Solo, Miss Lena Pleasanton; Solo, "Down upon the Farm," Miss Estella Suydam. Remy heart away for you, Miss Estella Suy-

were served, after which the member and invited guests adjourned to the Lodge room, where speech- making was the order. Mr. J. C. Parker acted as North Bound—3.30, 7.52, 9.20 and 10.27 a. m; the order. Mr. J. U. Parker acteu as 1.34 and 6.05 p. m. South Bound 1-12.49, 8.31, 9.21 and 11.40 a. m; Messrs. W. R. Parker and Theodore Len-

#### CHURCH NOTES

Bishop Coleman will be in town o sday evening next and will preach in St. Anne's Church that evening at 7.30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend and hear him.

Wednesday next is Ash Wednesday therefore the beginning of lent. The lenton season is observed in commemora tion of Christ's forty days' fast and as season of special penitence and prepara-tion for the Easter feast.

The New Century Club will give Birthday Tea, as a sixth year anniversar of its existence on Tuesday evening nex in the club room from 7.30 to 10 o'clock. An interesting program will be rendered All members are cordially invited.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow is: "Real Friendship." 1 Sam. 1-23. Mrs. J. L. Shepherd, leader.

The Young Peoples Society of Chris tian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is ex tended to everybody. The topic for to norrow is: "What will real friendship do? 1 Sam., 20: 1-23. Miss May Holten

The Missionary Anniversay next Sab bath morning at Bethesda M. E. Church mises to be an occasion of interest The pastor will deliver an address, bu the children will have a large place on the program. Be sure to come and hea their speeches and songs. The pasto

will preach in the evening. The Y. W. C. T. U. of this town wil give a sock social in M. E. Parsonag Monday evening, February 15th. The Y's are preparing a very interesting pro gram, one feature being a colonial tea Be sure and come and assist by your presence and return of the little sock in making the evening a success both finan cially and socially. Refreshments will be

free and a good time is promised to all. There is to be a Temperance Mas Meeting at Bethesda M. E. Church next Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock for the ourpose of organizing a local temperance liance. Dr. Moore and others will de liver addesses. All friends of temperance are cordially invited to attend. eting will be non-partisan and undeominational, and we hope that all o our citizens will encourage this reform

#### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Owing to the general conditions siness circles and the close cash basis on which wholesale merchants are doing usiness. We the undersigned Mer chants of Middletown deemed it fitting in order to best serve the public at large to organize on January 1st, 1904, "The Merchants Protective Association." The object of which is to protect ourselves against fraudulent custo tablish a basis of credit, which will enable us to serve each and all our several customers in the different lines of Merchandise the best at lowest and cash prices And it has been unanimously decided by the association to earnestly request al credit cu-tomers to make weekly and monthly settlements so that the above ob ject may be obtained and all concerned materially benefitted. Believing this will meet the approval of the public in gen

Very truly, WM. BROCKSON, PRES. H. C. DEVALINGER, V. P. JOHN ARMSTRONG, SECT'Y W. T. CONNELLEE, TREAS PAUL WEBER, MUEHLBERG & JONES, JONES & BRADLEY, MINORS BANNING.

### **OBITUARY**

Stephen Boyer. Jr. In the death of Mr. Stephen Boye Jr., the people of Sassafras, Md., loose one of their best and most highly spected young farmer. Mr. Boyer had been in poor health for several m and during the past year took a trip South, but finding the change of climate didn't relieve him returned to his home near Sassafras, East Fall. He had bee growing much weaker for the past month and his death which occurred on Satu day evening last was not unexpected eased was the only brother of Mrs Bessie Vaughan of this town, and a nephew of the venerable Stephe who also resides here. Funeral services There was a aplendid attendance at the Opera House Tuesday evening to Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, interment being made in the family buying lot near Masseys.

### In Memoriam

Herbert Lucas aged 6 years, son William T. and Alice M. Lucas en tered into rest February 2d. 1904. After the funeral services Friday morning a the residence of his parents near Mt. Xavier Cemetery, Bohemia Manor, Md.

Herberts asleep with white flowers in He'll wake, and remember, and under

That mamma gave them, as he left her

To live with the angels forevermore.

### Sales to Take Place

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1904.—Pubic Sale of Stock, Farm Implements, &c. by Thomas Lattomus, on the farm known as the Collier Farm, near Dexter's Corner, 4½ miles South of Townsend.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1903.-Pub lic Sale of Stock, farm implen by Edward Hart, on the "Parvis Farm," one mile northeast of Mount Pleasant W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 1904.-Pub lic sale of Stock, Farming Implements, &c., personal property late of George W. Lockwood, deceased.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3d, 1904.-Public

#### PERSONALITIES

Mr. James Hall was in Baltimore Mon

Miss Florie Owens, is visiting Wilming-Jacob Metts, of Chesapeake City, was

in town on Thursday. Mr. Bacon Hvatt, of Smyrna, visited

Dr. Robert Comegys, of Smyrn isited his parents on Sunday.

Mrs. Ida McCrone and daughter Fannie nave returned from Baltimore.

Miss Elizabeth Short, of Clayton, visit diss Jennie E. Jones this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Walker, of Wilnington, spent Sunday in town. Messers John and Frederick Crone

spent Friday in the Quaker City. Miss Katie and Carrie Droll were Philadelphia several days this week. Mr. T. R. Atkins, of Philadelphia,

isiting his sister, Mrs. C. T. Wyatt. Mr. Isaac Hallan, of Wilmington, was the guest of friends in town Sunday.

Messrs, Jesse L. Shepherd and John Mr. Groome Steele, of Chesapeake City.

was the guest of friends in town Thurs-Mrs. S. E. Houston and daughter Miss

Myrtle, are visiting relatives in Balti-Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant High and sor

of Washington, D. C. were in town Mrs. M. B. Burris and niece, Miss Susie

Arthurs, spent several days this week in Mr. W. H. McDonald, of Durant In-

dian Territory, visited his aunt, Mrs. M. J. Darlington on Sunday.

Miss Grace Styles and sister, Mrs Lake, of the city of Brotheriy Love, snent several days this week in town.

Mrs. L. G. Sterner, of Camden, who as been visiting her parents, Mr. and M. Eaton were the guests of Mrs. A. D. Mrs. J. C. Parker, has returned home. Mr. Joseph P. Comegys, of Philadel-

phia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys, on South Broad street. Mr. William Smith and Miss Emma Townsend, of Townsend, were quietly married at Bethesda M. E. Parsonage

Wednesday evening by Rev. C. T. Wyatt. IMIDDLETOWN SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

The Middletown Shooting Association held its forth shoot for the Parker gun on Thursday and Dr. W. E. Baruard lead the bunch, but Bro. Martin forced him through the entire heat, and like wise forgot the rest of the field. At this period of the shost things are very equal, but some of the members m do some fancy work or something wil

The handicap as arranged by the clul has evened things to a great extent. On the 22d the club will hold its nex shoot, and no doubt some good scores wil

be made, as most of the shooting will b done at low tide mark. Several of our sister towns have of ganized gun clubs and have been troubl want to try the locals. We extend an

as we can no doubt arrange a team shoo Following is the standing of those who have participated in the "gun shoot:

1	2	3	4	Per'c		
Dr. Barnard29	18	16	22	72		
M. B. Burris15	18	16	21	70		
S. E. Massey22	14	20	14	70		
G. Massey20	15	19	11	65		
E. J. Steele20	14	20	8	62		
W. B. Kates19	12	15	13	59		
Duryea14	13	22	10	59		
H. Pool17	17	_	15	49		
Steven315	15	_	15	44		
F. Pool12	18	_	_	30		
H. Black17	_	_	_	17		
Dr. Pearson16	-	-	-	16		
	Brupock					

### CECILTON

John Anderson is visiting friends in

Mrs. M. E. Clayton visited friends in

James H. Smith is spending a few days with friends in Baltin

Miss Mame Jones has returned from isiting friends in Still Pond. Miss Pauline Dushane has returned

from visiting her sister in Still Pond. John W. Taylor visited his son and

daughter, of Philadelphia, last week. Messrs. Edward Mattax and Artemus Messick are spending a few days in Elk

of her friends with "Pit" on Saturda evening last. Miss Mollie McCoy, of Elkton, spen

Miss Minnie Messick entertained a fey

from Friday to Monday with her pa J. P. McCoy and wife. Miss Helen Schrack, of Germantown

has returned to her home after spending sometime with her friend, Miss Emma Invitations are out for a Leap Year dance in the Mechanics Hall on Monday evening February 15th, by the ladies of

Mrs. Catharme Megee died on Saturda norning after a lingering illness. Funeral services was held in the chapel or Monday, at 1 P. M. Interred in Cecilton

cemetery A lunch box social will be held in the Parsonage by the Sunday School class Number 10.on Friday evening, Feb ruary 19th. All are cordially invited. Ladies bring boxes for two.

### AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the numerous requests of m friends I have decided to be a candidate for County Commissioner from St. George Hundred, and take this opportunity to inform my friends and the public, that I will greatly appreciate any favors shown me by them. I will use all honorable means to secure the nonlination, and if successful promise the tax-payers of this district to do everything in my power in their behalf. Thanking you all for past

favors, I remain,
Very truly yours,
THOMAS E. HURN.
Middletown, Del., Jan., 12th, 1904.

ADVERTISE IN THE TRANSCRIPT.

#### WARWICK

Mr. J. S. Merritt, Jr., spent Sunday at

Mr. Vernon Litsinger returned to Balimore on Monday. Mrs. Letitia L. Smith has been

ill during the past week. Miss Miram Litsinger is confined to her room with the La grippe.

Mr. Amos Wilson was a visitor in Wilington during the past week. Miss Bessie R. Merritt is the guest

er sister, Mrs. Elwood Williams

The Rev. Ernest Litsinger has been e parsonage during the past week. Mr. E. E. Marsh is able to be out after

pending several weeks in his room. Geo. P. Staats, of the National Hotel, Middletown, Del., spent Sunday in town. Lost his bet after all. We would ad-Mrs. Urie P. Ginn was the guest of her

nother, Mrs. Verena L. Vinyard last Sun-

Miss Myrtle Stradley spent from Saturday until Monday with her parents at

The latest report that we have from Mrs. E. E. Marsh is that she is very much

Edgar Goldsborough who has been day where he will spend the remainded quite ill with the whooping cough is con-

The racing at Townsend last Friday will long be remembered. Teddy the first taking the lead.

J. Harry Holden was the gnest of his and enjoy an evening with the Bible. sister, Mrs. George Moore at Chesapeake City last Sunday.

Kenneth Price has accepted a position in Wilmington, Del., and left for that city last Monday. Quite a number were in Middle-

own from Warwick to witness the Guy Brothers' minstrels. Mrs. William T. Vinyard and Mrs. H

Short last Thursday. Mr. R. Delbert Aiken, of Delaware City, was the guest of Mrs. Amos Wilson on Sunday and Monday. Senior Christian Endeavor praye

next Sunday evening at 7.15 o'clock. Preaching at 7.45 o'clock. All Mr. Hamlen Bouchelle was called to the bed-side of his brother who is criti-

cally ill at his home on Bohemia Manor last Sunday. Miss Minnie Smith and Miss Daisy D. Day are contesting for a large cake to be given away by Washington Camp, No. 8,

during their Festival and Bazaa Mr. R. B. Merritt is still receiving letter rom Mr. W. R. Polk and we almost feel confident that the trolley will get as far as Warwick anyway by September 1st. A set of fine carriage harness will be

chanced off the last evening of the bazaar and festival. See if you are not the lucky one. Twenty-five cents a chancethey are worth that many dollars. Diphtheria is raging in one part of War

are not able to say whether the board of was served. Mr. Paynter leaves Erie to health have been notified or not. Quite a number from town attended the entertainment at Middletown last Tuesday evening, given under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society

### **ODESSA**

They report it up-to-date in every parti

Miss Helen Eaton is spending a fe

days with her parents at Warwick. Mrs J M Armstrong entertained Miss Hannah Wilson, of Townsend this week Mrs. Emma Heller, of Wilmington, is

the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Mr. and Mrs. J. Keen, of Newark, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Clayton

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., of Middle-Mrs. Marie Ford, of Newark, N. J., is

spending sometime with her father, Mr C. Watkins, Sr. Mrs. George Hahn entertained Misse Carvie and Lima Bendler, of Port Penn

Rev. J. M. Arters accompanied by his father, Rev. J. A. Arters, were Wilming

ton visitors Tuesday. Miss Beulah Crossan, of Wilmington spent Sunday with her parents. Mr. W. V. Navlor and wife.

Rev. R. L. Hallett visited Port Pen Tuesday evening and preached in the Presbyterian Church of that place. Rev. J. A. Arters, of Crumpton, Md.

spent a few days this week with his son, Rev. J. M. Arters, and preached in the M. E. Church on Monday evening. Mrs. George W. Davis entertained the

Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Jennie C. Collins, of Smyrna, was present and gave a very interesting talk. Mrs. W. A. Rhodes and Miss Emma B. Eccles were elected delegates to the annual conver tion to be held at Wilmington in March. After business refreshments were served which was much enjoyed by all.

### **BOHEMIA MANOR**

Mrs. Annie B. Berry is spending this week at Viola. Miss Eva Deane spent Saturday and nday in Elkton

Mr. Edgar Ellison, of Wilmington, the guest of his parents. Miss Hallie Gray, of Laurel, is spend-

Miss Myrtle Berry, of Middletown spent Wednesday at her home here. Mr. Claude Beaston, of Philadelphia, is being entertained at the home of Mrs George Rhoades.

Miss Elizabeth Swing, of Philadelphia, spent several days last week with her parents at Town Point. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones spent Su day with her mother, Mrs. Kathrine Lo raine, of Chesapeake City.

Mr. George Templeman is very the home of his parents, at Pivot Bridge, suffering from appendicitis.

#### ST. GEORGES

Miss Anna Stewart paid a visit to Wil-

11. C. Buckson and James Robert visited the Baltimore fire on Monday.

Mrs. John Moore has returned from

mith shop here for the past year has noved to Townsend. Don't forget the Valentine Party at

Miss Harriett Carrow and her guest lays with Miss Bessie Davidson near

Arrangements are being made for near future for the benefit of the Odd

of the winter. Mr. Allen will visit relatives in New Jersey.

A number of friends called at the resi

lifes journey. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Roberts returned rom a ten days wedding trip on Wednes day. After spending a short time with her family, they will leave for their new

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of W. N. Wilmenton, of Chester, Pa. He had made a great many friends here having been a sum

The birthday party given by the W Saturday evening was a great success every particular and great credit is due Mrs. George Hill for her untiring efforts. **MEN'S SUITS. \$3.50.** The solo's by Mrs. Edgar Carrow and Miss Della Moore and the reading by Miss Alida Price were enjoyed by all.

#### GOES TO PITTSBURG

"A large party of friends of W. D. Pavnter, who has been conected with the Provident Reserve Health and Acciden association, of this city, and later with the Pittsburg Sick and Accident Union after the merging of the two companie street. Thursday evening and accorded him a pleasant surprise in the form of handsomely engraved pair of cuff button The evening was most pleasantly occur wick among the colored people. At this writing one death has been reported. We seasonable hour a delectable luncheon morrow to take charge of the field agent for the Pittsburg Sick and Acciden Union, in Pittsburg, and will take wit him the best wishes of a host of friends.

-Erie P. A. Post. The many friends of Mr. Paynter i this section will be delighted to learn o his rapid advancement in the insurar business. Mr. Papnter was a resident of St. Georges for many years, and frequen ly visits his parents and two sisters wh

eside there now.

On account of doing business with ou compelled to do likewise in our retai iness. We must therefore insist on weekly and monthly settlements of al ecounts, beginning February 1st, 1904. Feeling confident that we can give our customers satisfaction in goods and prices,

M. BANNING.

NOTICE TO MY CUSTOMERS On account of the credit system us it necessary to adopt a similar one for the governing of my credit trade. Therefore on and after Saturday, January 23d, an be required to make a settlement in ful every thirty days. This term of credi is for the benefit of those persons who are employed by the month. Person employed by the day or week will pleas make a complete payment once in every seven days. I feel positive that this sys customers and to myself. Of this I an finest goods on the market at lower price

### NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLIS.

Wheat—No. 1....95 | Corn— No. 2....94 | Yellow, shelled Timothy Seed \$2.65 | " cob .... Clover Seed 1b 10 c Oats ..... ill at MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLER. Eggs, per doz..... Country Butter, per lb.

Edgar Carrow spent Monday in Wil-

two weeks visit with relatives near Middletown.

John Crompton and wife spent Thursday with F. P. Vanhickle and family near town. Joseph Pritchett who has had a black-

he C. C. Club House this Saturday even

ng. Admission five cents.

Kirkwood.

of State Road, were guests of her parents, George Swain and wife on Wednesday. Miss Bessie Webb are spending a few

William Haman, wife and daughter

Mr. Allen left for the South on Mon

The Bible class will meet at the C. C. OR A HALF DROPPED FROM THE PRICE Club House on Monday evening with Mr. John Crompton as leader.

lence of J. W. Carrow, Jr., near town on Monday and reminded him that he had reached the fourty-fourth year in

tor for several years. C. T. U. in the C. C. Club House or

NOTICE TO MY CUSTOMERS

and new.

than were possible before. JOHN ARMSTRONG, Agt.

On account of the credit system used by the wholesale dealers of to-day we find it necessary to adopt a similar one for the governing of our credit trade. Therefore on and after Saturday, January 23d, any person having an account with us wi be required to make a settlement in full every thirty days. This term of credit is for the benefit of those persons who are employed by the month. Persons em ployed by the day or week will please make a complete payment once in every seven days. We feel positive that this sys tem will prove most satisfactory to our customers and to ourselves. Of this we are certain, that it will enable us to sell the finest goods on the market at lower prices than were possible before. MUEHLBERG & JONES.

Mr. Walter Neff and sixter, Miss Mary
Neff, of Sassafras, were the guests of
Misses Ella and Florence Berry on SunPotatoes, per basket....

# ESSICK'S

## ITEMS IN THIS Advertisement ..... That are .... BARGAINS

BUYING AS SAFE, THOUGH YOU CHOOSE FROM A STORE FULL. THE ONLY DRAW-BACKS LAY IN THE NUMBERS, AND TO MAKE THAT GOOD AND QUICKLY, CLOSE RANKS AMONG THE ODD ONES; A-THIRD

\$1.00 Kabo Corsets, 50c. All the wanted styles, all sizes, white and drab, all now 50c.

\$1.00 P. N. Corsets, 50c.

Lot of P. N. Corsets, the regular \$1.00 Corset, all now 50c.

50e P. C. CORSETS, 25c. The P. C. Corset is one of the best makes of 50c Corsets on the

#### market, all now marked 25c. MEN'S WOOL SUITS, \$5.00.

These suits are fully worth \$7.50. The materials are mixed cheviots, cassimeres, and black unfinished cheviots, shapely sack coats, splendid tailoring. This lot of suits never sold for less than \$7.59, and are fully worth the money.

#### This lot of suits never sold less than \$5.00, and no better suit can be sold at \$5.00. Not all sizes in the lot, some in gray, brown, and

CHILDREN'S COATS.

\$7.00 Coats, \$3.75

LADIES' COATS. Choice in style and material, all this winter's make, in black, only marked to close. \$12.00 Coats, \$6.00; \$9.00 Coats, \$4.50;

At sweeping Reduction. We don't intend to carry over a single coat.



On account of doing business with our cholesale people on cash terms, we feel MUSLIN UNDERWEAR. You will not wonder at the great success of our Muslin Underwear Sale, when you see the prices. Thoroughly reliable garments. town, preached in the M. E. Church on as special attention is given, in keeping Contract was made before the sharp advance in cotton. Manufacturers are now demanding one-fourth to one-half more than our retail price. The extraordinary part of it all is that this store is the only store that can

> name you such low prices. Five styles Ladies' Cambric Corset Covers, 25c., less than cos f Cambric alone.

Four styles of Lrdies' Muslin Drawers. 25c.

At 49c., 4 styles of Ladies' Skirts, cheap at 75c.



49c., 4 styles of Cambrik Skirts, with flounce, and lace trimmed,

49c., 4 styles Cambric Gowns, would be cheap at present pric

of Cambric at 75c. 75c., 98c., \$1.48, Skirts, Gowns, Drawers and Corset Covers, a full line from which to make your selection, and fully worth third

Messick COCHRAN BLOCK, MIDDLETOWN.

The TRANSCRIPT, \$1.00

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double coated Amethyst Enameled Ware, consists of wash basins, cups, milk pans, 2 and 3 quarts; pudding pans, sauce pans, preserving kettles, to go at

10c. each. For 25c we sell 3 quart covered buckets, good size wash basins. 6 quart milk pans, 5 quart pudding pans, 2 quart coffee pots and many other things worth more than the price we ask

for them. Enamel lined Maslin Iron kettles, all sizes from 2 quart to 10 quart, at prices never

heard of before. PureAluminum tea spoons 60c a dozen. Alumninum table spoons 60c per half doz. Aluminum wash bowls will out last any enameled ware made, easy to keep clean, and looks like silver. Good size 35c each An exceptional bargain in

The first lot of Chinaware now on hand.

### JOS. BERKMAN

EAST MAIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, - DEL.

### BIG PAY

For your time now in looking through our Clean Un Sale; 25 per cent. 1 off all our Finest and Best Heavy weight Suits, Overcoats and Trousers, Men's and Boys' sizes. Nearly 200 suits in our ½ price sale, Odd Suits, Broken Sizes, small lots of our own and that we have bought from our makers for cash to clean up-\$5, \$6 and \$7.50 for suits worth dou Our Custom Departme making suits to order, from \$20, \$25 and \$30 Patterns that we want to close out. Bargain Collar, Shirt and Shoe Sale that it will pay you to visit.

JAMES T. MULLN & SONS, 6th and Market. Wilmington

Lippincott & Co

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Ladies' and Children's Coats, Dry Goods, 306-08-10 and 12 Market Street, WILMINGTON, DEL.

D. & A. 826A.

Delmarnia, 793.

Housefurnishing Goods.

#### Underwear and Corsets, Boys' Clothing. ----Boys

Clothing Boys' clothing at prices cut so deep as to mean a big saving to you. Economical mothers should fit out the boys for the next year at the prices we have marked.

Sizes 2 to 16 years.

Columbia Graphophones and Records. Basement.

### LOAN NOTICE!

The Stated Annual Meeting of the Odessa Loan Association, OF ODESSA, DEL.,

OF ODESSA, DEL.,
Will be held at the Academy, on Monday
FEBRUARY, 29th, 1904, at 7 o'clock,
P. M., at which time a President, Vice
President, Secretary and Treasurer will
be elected to serve one year and three
(3) Directors to serve three years. Also,
at the same time Stock in the 20th Series
will be for sale.

L. V. ASPRIL, Sec'y.

Gestioned he exclaimed.

He had forgotton how startled she would be. But, as she sprang to her feet and stood trembling before him, he made haste to reassure her.

I am truly sorry! Godfrey declared. I did not recent to frighten you! I forgot

did not mean to frighten you! I forgot that you did not know I was here.

Have you been back long? she inquired, still panting and trembling, but trying to steady her voice.

About five minutes. Godfrev told her.

About five minutes, Godfrey told her. He was trying to see her face in the darkness. There was something repelling and cold in her misty white figure as she stood aloof from him and a pronounced reserve in her voice when she spoke. Custance was still smarting under the ory of his manner when they parted and she was indignant that he had been listening to her song and heard her igno minious breakdown.

Well-of course, Mr. Standard, you are at liberty to enter your own hous how and where you like, she said, with polite satire. Anger did not mar the lov eetness of her tone, and her musica voice made her words seem the more cruel. But I think you might have more consideration for the nerves of your household than to steal in like a thief in the night! Have you told the servants of your arrival? Mrs. Standard has gone to bed; but I will speak to the housekeepe and see that your room is ready.

Pray do not disturb my mother, God-frey begged, rather crestfallen. He realized that things between them were not by any means smooth as yet. I can sleep

That is absurd, she replied calmly Your room will be ready in a few min-utes. Have you dined?

Yes. Miss Madison, he cried as she turned away, I want to speak to youplease wait a moment.

Custance paused, her tall figure utterly

ing. Godfrey's impulse was to take her in his arms and overwhelm her with caresses and declarations to gether, but such a proceeding was hardl her manner.

came down to ask you-to explain, that I-he began, words failing him in her discouraging silence.

As a fact, Custance was utterly bewild ered. His excited manner and his hesitation drove her to the conclusion that he was trying to tell her that she must leave, and she felt a pang of mortification as she realized the situation.

He tried to make me go before, she thought I wouldn't he is forced to tell me himself. The tears sprang to her eyes You wish me to leave here? I am to go? she queried, in a low tone, facing him

to the window, and the soft starlight was cient to catch the flash of the tear

Godfrey exclaimed. I am en ring to ask you to stay for ever that I love you? Don't cry, darling! Oh —and, yielding to his impulse, Mr Standard seized he in his arms and kisse her without asking wrther leave. You do like me a little, and will marry me You understand that I was misled should have asked you before? And you leaving me? he demanded impetuously pouring out his questions between his hisses. Custance, why dont you answer

can't! Custance protested breathlessly dshing him away gently. I mean that it is impossible to answer when I'm half it is impossible to answer when I in han stiffed! Besides, I hardly know what I'm doing.

Well, then, we'll take the diestions one by one. Do you low me ever so little?

No-not ever so little! se replied, with and upward glance that a plained her manifer her meaning. And you will marry me?

Yes. But please, Godfrey, stand a lit-

I can't-I'm too happy, and you are far too desirable! Well, then, about the misunderstanding, dearest—a shadow came over his face—I am afraid I must give you a great shock. About thorn Nugent? I know, God-

He had forgotten how fast ill-new travels. The messenger had left word at the Park on his way to the Hall, but had

forgotten to mention Mr. Standard's re What a terrible death! Was it he who

misled you about me, Godfrey? Yes, dear. He made me think you cared for him. Standard spoke very

gently and sadly. But we won't say any think against him now, will we?

No, she answered. But I do think you might have asked me myself!
Oh, I was a fool! Godfrey asserted. If

it hadn't been for Mrs. Richards we might have been under a wrong impres sion for ever so long.

Mary Richards? Did she tell you? Ves-brave little woman! She came

She and Richards shall be the most hor

oured guests at our wedding, Custance. I think we ought to ask Baby, too, she eturned, laughing. Oh, and poor little Polly! She was the little maid-of-allwork at that horrible lodging-hous where I nearly starved, and she wanted to be my maid!

We will have Polly, by all means, agreed Godfrey. Any one who has loved you, I feel inclined to love myself. Are there any more Pollys to annex?

I think I would rather there was notif you are going to love them all, said Custance demurely. Godfrey, what will

your mother say? Say? he echoed joyonsly. Haven't you seen that this is the desire of her heart, and has been ever since I came down here and found such a vision of beauty on my front lawn? She nearly confided as much to me when I told he of my difficulties about that wretched

money.

Oh, that fifty pounds! How angry I was about it! You know I haven't really paid it off yet.

You will do so when we are married.
It is like a tale of fiction for me to marry the son of the house,

nother, looks upon you as a daughter al

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Does she? You are both very unworld-ly people. I wonder if King Cophetua's mother was so charitable to the begarmaid? I am very poor, Godfrey!
You are very rich in everything worth having my darling! I don't know what you saw in me, and I can hardly believe in my own luck now. I am a very ordinary fellow, Custance—neither handsome nor clever, and overburdened with the responsibility off my poor father's wealth. It was he who made the money, you know.

And you who have benefitted humanity with it most generously, she added quickly.
Godfrey shook his head rather sadly.
Anyhow, I ought to do better with such a sweet helpmate, he murmured. There is a great responsibility in having money, Custance, and sometimes it weighs one down and worries one fearfully. Are you sure you don't repent?
Yes, my phitanthropist! she declared, with a happy confidence in her eyes that promised well for their future.
Standard held her close for a minute without speaking, as if that were a better seal than words for the great things he meant to do.
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coming back to the exigencies of the hour. There is eleven o'clock striking! I must go and see that the servants know that you have come home, and that everything is ready.

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He held her for an instance as she was drawing herself away, and looked into her eyes.

Custance, were you singing that song to me he inquired.

Yes, she whispered.

You never reached the end, did you?

Then we will finish it differently—
I have the right to dream of you
For you are ever mine! THE END.

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